vvhich heere appeareth due vpon the bond.

Iew. Tis very true: ô wise and vpright Iudge,
how much more elder art thou then thy lookes.

Por. Therefore lay bare your bosome.

Iew. I, his breast,
so sayes the bond, doth it not noble Iudge?
Nearest his hart, those are the very words.

Por. It is so, are there ballance here to weigh the flesh?

Iew. I haue them ready.

Por. Haue by some Surgion *Shylocke* on your charge,
to stop his wounds, least he doe bleede to death.

Iew. Is it so nominated in the bond?

Por. It is not so exprest, but what of that?
Twere good you doe so much for charitie.

Iew. I cannot finde it, tis not in the bond.

Por. You Merchant, haue you any thing to say?

Ant. But little; *I* am armd and well prepard,
giue me your hand *Bassanio*, far you well,
greeue not that *I* am falne to this for you:
for heerein Fortune showes her selfe more kind
then is her custome: it is still her vse
to let the wretched man out-liue his wealth,
to view with hollow eye and wrinckled brow
an age of pouertie: from which lingring pennance
of such misery doth she cut me of.
Commend me to your honourable wife,
tell her the processe of *Anthonios* end,
say how I lou'd you, speake me faire in death:
and when the tale is told, bid her be iudge
vvhether *Bassanio* had not once a loue:
Repent but you that you shall loose your friend
and he repents not that he payes your debt.
For if the *Iew* doe cut but deepe enough,
*I*le pay it instantly with all my hart.

Bass. *Anthonio*, *I* am married to a wife
which is as deere to me as life it selfe,
but life it selfe, my wife, and all the world,

are not with me esteemd abou
I would loose all, I sacrifize th
heere to this deuill, to deliuer y

Por. Your wife would giue
if she were by to heare you ma

Gra. I haue a wife who *I* p
I would she were in heauen, so
intreate some power to change

Ner. Tis well you offer it b
the wish would make else an v

Iew. These be the christian hu
vvould any of the stocke of Ba
had beene her husband, rather
We trifle time, *I* pray thee pur

Por. A pound of that same
the Court awards it, and the la

Iew. Most rightfull Iudge.

Por. And you must cut thi
the law alowes it, and the cour

Iew. Most learned Iudge, a

Por. Tarry a little, there is s
this bond doth giue thee heere
the words expresly are a poun
take then thy bond, take thou
but in the cutting it, if thou do
one drop of Christian blood, t
are by the lawes of Venice con
vnto the state of Venice.

Gra. O vpright Iudge,
Marke Iew, ô learned *I*udge.

Shy. Is that the law?

Por. Thy selfe shalt see the
for as thou vrgest iustice, be as
thou shalt haue iustice more th

Gra. O learned iudge, mar

Iew. I take this offer then, p
and let the Christian goe.

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